29th January 1923]

Disafforested reserve of Kuragallu in Guntur taluk.

677 Q.—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB: Will the hon. the Home Member and the Member for Revenue be pleased—

(a) to lay on the table a list of alienations of lands in the disafforested reserve of Kuragallu in Guntur taluk of Guntur district to the various communities with the extent of lands given together with the reasons for assigning the same;

(b) to state whether it is a fact that the lands given to the depressed classes are already leased out to other castes on long term registered leases of 50 years or more;

(c) to state whether the object of Government in assigning lands to depressed classes is not frustrated by their leasing out the lands to other people for long term leases (registered)?

A.—(a) A statement is laid on the table.*

(b) & (c) The Collector who was called on to report has been unable to obtain any confirmation of such abuse of the concession as is indicated in clause (b). If the hon. Member is aware of any specific case in which the concession has been thus abused the Government will be glad if he will furnish them with the particulars for purposes of further enquiry.

Mosque in the Body Guard line attached to the Government House.

678 Q.—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) when and under whose orders the mosque in the Body Guard lines attached to the Government House, Madras, was constructed and the amount spent on its construction;

(b) the amount spent for its annual upkeep or repairs, and the person in charge of the mosque at present;

(c) whether it is a fact that there are no Muhammadans in the Body Guard at present; why and when the Muhammadan Body Guard were displaced by a Hindu Body Guard; and

(d) whether the Mouzan (a person who calls out worshippers to come and worship in the mosque) is being continued to supervise the mosque and if so, who pays him?

A.—(a) & (d) Government have no information.

(b) The Government spend nothing on the mosque and pay for no services in connection with it.

(c) There are no Muhammadans in the Body Guard at present. In 1920, under the orders of the Adjutant-General in India, the then Body Guard was disbanded and re-constituted with a troop of Jats and a troop of Rathore Rajputs.

Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD SADULLA BADSHA SAHIB:—"With reference to answers to paragraphs (a) and (d), will the Government be pleased to call for the information?"

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* Vide Appendix A on page 1289 infra.